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R 312209Z AUG 78
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E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: ETEL, CA
SUBJECT: TRANSBORDER BROADCASTERS' 301 COMPLAINT

REF: (A) STATE 215053 (NOTAL); (B) STATE 217863

1. PRESS COVERAGE OF THE BORDER BROADCASTERS' ANNOUNCE-
MENT OF THEIR 301 ACTION (REFTELS) HAS BEEN SPOTTY. THE
MONTREAL GAZETTE CARRIED TWO ARTICLES AUG. 30. ONE,
DATELINED VANCOUVER WAS HEADED "BORDER TV WAR LOOMS AS US
STATIONS ATTACK"; THE OTHER FROM WASHINGTON NOTED "US
BORDER STATIONS SEEK CARTER'S HELP". EACH OF THE REPORTS
GAVE FACTUAL DATA ON APPLICATION OF SECTION 301 OF THE
TRADE ACT AND REFERRED TO CANADIAN GOVERNMENT DETERMIN-
ATION TO STAND FAST ON BILL C-58'S PROVISIONS AFFECTING
THE US BROADCASTERS.

2. THE TORONTO GLOBE AND MAIL AUG. 31 PROVIDED ONLY A
BRIEF, FACTUAL ACCOUNT OF THE US STATIONS' CLAIMS IN THE
BUSINESS SECTION UNDER THE HEADING "BORDER TV ISSUE FLARES
UP". THE INTENT OF THE BROADCASTERS TO USE THE 301
ACTION AS A MEANS TO BRING THE GOC TO NEGOTIATE SOME
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CHANGE IN THE TAX LAW WAS HIHGLIGHTED IN SEVERAL ARTICLES.

3. OTTAWA'S "CITIZEN" REPORTED AUG. 30 THAT "THERE IS NO
TRUCE YET IN THE LONG BORDER WAR -- TV STATIONS CHARGE
CANADA WITH DISCRIMINATION". IT REFERRED TO A RELEASE
ISSUED BY THE CANADIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON WHICH
REPORTEDLY QUOTED VARIOUS US TELEVISION COMPANY ANNUAL

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REPORTS AS SAYING THE CANADIAN TAX DID NOT LEAD TO ANY
SERIOUS FINANCIAL LOSS.

4. COPIES OF PRESS CLIPPINGS BEING POUCHED TO DEPT.
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